

OLMSTED BROTHERS,  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

23rd December, 1902.

Mr. Charles W. Saunders, Secretary,  
Board of Park Commissioners,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

In further reference to our proposition contained in a separate letter of this date it may be well for us to add informally for your information and that of the Commission, but presumably not for others, several statements.

If we are employed by the Park Commissioners of the City of Portland, so that we can combine our visit to Portland with our visit to Seattle for your Commission, we will reduce our charge to your Commission from \$1000 to \$850. and we should make a less charge to the Park Commissioners of the City of Portland than if we were called upon to



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visit them independently of our visit for your Commission. This we can afford to do because we should lose no more time in traveling in visiting both cities than one. We do not expect to reduce our charge to your Commission if we are employed by the State University during our visit for your Commission because our employment by the State University would probably be a relatively small matter.

Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Jr., is employed by Harvard University to deliver lectures and otherwise direct the course on Landscape Architecture. This employment will prevent him from going to Seattle except during the period of the summer vacation of the University.

Mr. John C. Olmsted, our senior member, has the designing of parks and numerous other works on hand but can arrange to visit Seattle at almost any time within a week or two after receiving notification that your Commission is ready for him.

We are not accustomed to make statements with reference to our professional experience, etc., but considering that there may be members of your Commission who have heard very little about our professional experience and that they may know of no



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other way to secure information in the matter, we will so far depart from our usual custom as to enclose herewith a list of the public parks, Parkways, etc., which Mr. John C. Olmsted has been professionally connected with and in the designing of many of which he has taken the lead. Mr. John C. Olmsted has been practising the profession steadily from 1875 when he graduated from Yale University, and from that time until the retirement of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted he was most closely connected with him in all of his professional practice. The largest public park system in the designing of which Mr. John C. Olmsted has taken the lead during the last few years and upon which millions of dollars have been expended, is the Essex County (New Jersey) Park System. This system is well described in the recently issued Annual Report for the year 1901 and we recommend you to secure a copy of this report if you have not already done so. It can be obtained by addressing (in your official capacity) Mr. Alonzo Church, Secretary, Essex County Park Commission, 800 Broad Street, Newark, N. J. If you fail to secure a copy from him within a reasonable time, and if you will let us know, we will make it a point to call upon him personally and to obtain and forward to you a copy.



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We regret that we ourselves have no duplicate.

We will further suggest that, if you think there is a probability that the Commission may decide upon our employment, it would be well to furnish us with as much information as possible by correspondence in advance of our visit as we might be able to make suggestions by which the labors of your surveyors could be directed to the best advantage.

We should like, if your Board does not object to the expense involved to have our most experienced assistant, Mr. Percy R. Jones, go to Seattle to assist Mr. Olmsted. Mr. Blackwell of the Seattle Electric Company knows Mr. Jones. We have cheaper men one of whom we can send if the Board prefers.

In addition to the topographical maps, a set of photographs, mostly 5" by 8", of characteristic scenes would be of great assistance to us in study of the park problems likely to require our consideration. Such photographs should of course be carefully inscribed to indicate where and in what direction they were taken.

Yours very truly,

Olmsted Brothers

Enclosure.

C.F.